

Application No. 09/636,286

RD-27791

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

R. A. GIDDINGS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/636,286

Examiner: John M. Hoffman

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: QUARTZ FUSION FURNACE AND METHOD FOR FORMING QUARTZ  
ARTICLES

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find the following enclosed for filing:

1. Amendment

The additional claims fee has been calculated as follows:

|                    | Paid For | No. Pending | No. Extra | Rate       | Total   |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Independent Claims | 3        | 3           | none      | \$86       | -       |
| Total Claims       | 20       | 27          | 10        | 18         | 180     |
|                    |          |             |           | Filing Fee |         |
|                    |          |             |           | Total      | \$ 180- |

Attached is our Credit Card Payment Form authorizing charge of the amount of \$ 180 in payment of the required fee. Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 500917 as needed to ensure consideration of this and the enclosed documents. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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Should the Examiner believe that any further action is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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